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PROCEEDINGS.

The Benton County Baptist Association met in its thirty-third annual session, according to previous arrangement, with the Baptist Church at Springtown, on Friday, Oct. 6, 1918.

Singing: " 'Tis Harvest Time," "Come Thou Fount," and "I Need Thee, Every Hour." Reading of Psalm 116 and prayer by the moderator of the previous session, Eld. T. F. Jones. Singing: "I'm Going Home."

Letters from the churches were called for and deposited on the table. Elders J. A. Smith and E. F. Rice were appointed as reading clerks, and the letters were read and messengers enrolled.

The hour having arrived for preaching, Elder T. F. Jones, who was selected at the previous session to preach the introductory sermon, after singing, reading lesson from the third chapter of Colossians, and prayer by Eld. J. A. Smith, preached the sermon from Col. 3:1-2 on "Our Heavenly Aims."

Prayer by Elder L. L. Johnson.

On motion, recess was taken for one and a half hours, being till 2:40 P. M. Goven ment time.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Singing by the congregation; reading of Psalm 34 and prayer by Eld. W. S. Crowley.

Reading of letters completed and roll corrected.

A motion prevailed that we now proceed to elect a moderator and clerk. Elders E. F. Rice and J. A. Smith were appointed to collect and count ballots. Elder T. F. Jones was elected moderator, and Elder J. L. Chastain clerk.

Petitionary letters were called for, and a letter was presented by messengers of the Church at New Hope in Adair County, Oklahoma. Also a letter was presented by messengers of the church at Mt. Enterprise, Benton County, Ark. On motion and unanimous vote, taken separately, these churches were received into the body. The moderator then extended to the messengers of these churches the hand of fellowship in behalf of the association.

Committee on Divine Service was appointed, consisting of R. Edwards, J. B. Burgin, and the messengers of Springtown Church.

A number of visiting brethren and sisters responded to an invitation to seats and enrolled as visitors.

Committee on Finance was appointed, consisting of R. L. Hurst, J. J. Glover, and D. M. Aaron.

On invitation of the messengers of the church at Southern Grove, a motion prevailed that the next meeting of this association be held with that church.

Election of preacher of the introductory sermon next year resulted in the choice of Eld. L. L. Johnson with Eld. A. N. Sanders as alternate.

On motion and unanimous vote, Article One of the Constitution of this body was amended to read as follows:

Art. 1. This Association shall be composed of churches represented by messengers, who shall be members of the churches they represent, and it shall be styled, "The Benton County Baptist Association." Visiting Baptists may be invited to seats and enrolled as visitors, and may have the privilege of the floor in discussions, but shall not be allowed a vote on any question, nor a place on any committee.

A motion prevailed that the time of meeting tomorrow be 9:00 A. M., Government time.

A motion prevailed to adjourn to meet for preaching at 9:40 P. M.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION.

Sermon by Eld. L. L. Johnson from John 3:3.

Adjourned till 9:00 A. M. tomorrow.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Singing by the congregation and reading of Psa. 77 and prayer by James H. Jones.

Appointment of committees was announced by the moderator.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and adopted.

The Committee on Publications submitted report, which was discussed by Jas. H. Jones, E. M. Bagby, Eld. G. C. Harris, Lee Reed, Eld. W. S. Crowley, O. F. Moss, Eld. C. C. Winters, Eld. J. A. Smith, Eld. J. L. Chaastain, and the report was adopted.

The Committee on Ministerial Education and Support submitted report, which was discussed by Eld. John Setser, Eld. G. C. Harris.

The hour for preaching having arrived, a motion prevailed to take recess for preaching, and reassemble for the afternoon session one and a half hours after dismissal and continue the discussion of this subject at that time.

After singing, reading of Psalm 118, and prayer, Eld. J. A. Smith preached from Psa. 118:25.

Prayer by E. M. Bagby. While "How Firm a Foundation" was being sung, an offering of \$23.06 was placed on the table for State Missions.

Dismissed with prayer at 1:30 P. M.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Song, "Savior More Than Life to Me."

Reading of scripture lesson by Roy E. Daugherty and prayer by R. Edwards.

The report on Ministerial Education and Support was further discussed by Eld. J. A. Smith, Eld. C. C. Winters, and others and the report was adopted.

The treasurer reporting that \$5.17 remains in the treasury of funds contributed to assist Bro. Roy E. Daugherty to obtain an education, a motion prevailed that the same be given to Bro. Daugherty to be used for the purchase of books.

The Committee on Associational Missions submitted report, which was discussed by Eld. A. N. Sanders, Eld. L. L. Johnson, Eld. W. S. Crowley, and the report was adopted.

The missionary, Eld. W. S. Crowley, submitted a report, which was discussed by Eld. Crowley, Eld. L. L. Johnson, Eld. G. C. Harris, E. C. Brooks, Eld. C. C. Winters, and the report was adopted.

The treasurer of the association submitted report, which was adopted.

The Committee on Obituaries submitted a report, which was discussed by E. C. Brooks, Eld. G. W. Birkes, Eld. E. J. Adams, W. F. Masters, Eld. W. S. Crowley, Eld. W. B. Collins and report was adopted.

A motion prevailed that the report on State Missions be taken up at the evening session.

The moderator being so situated that he could not be present at the evening session, appointed Eld. A. N. Sanders as moderator, pro tem.

A motion prevailed to adjourn until 8:30 P. M.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION.

Singing, reading of Psalms 1, and prayer by Eld. E. J. Adams

Committee on State Missions submitted report.

Suspending business for the preaching of the gospel, Eld. A. N. Sanders preached from Acts 16: 31

After preaching, the report on State Missions was discussed by Eld. J. A. Smith, Eld. C. C. Winters, and the report was adopted.

Motion prevailed to adjourn till 9:00 A. M., tomorrow.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION.

Singing, reading of Psalms 23, and prayer by Eld. J. F. Duncan

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and adopted.

A motion prevailed that speeches be limited during the remainder of this session, opening speeches to ten minutes and succeeding speeches to five minutes.

The Committee on Orphan Home submitted report, which was discussed by Eld. J. F. Duncan, Eld. G. W. Birkes, Eld. J. A. Smith, Eld. C. C. Winters, Eld. T. F. Jones, Eld. L. L. Johnson, Eld. J. H. Setser, Eld. E. J. Adams, Eld. E. F. Rice, and report was adopted.

An offering of \$13 05 was taken for the Texarkana Orphans Home.

Election of Executive Committee and Missionary resulted in the choice of E. C. Brooks, Eld. J. L. Chastain, and Eld. T. F. Jones as Committee and Eld. W. S. Crowley as Missionary.

A motion prevailed that the report on Sunday Schools be called for next and the report on Temperance following.

The Committee on Sunday Schools submitted report which was discussed by Lee Reed, Eld. A. N. Sanders, Jas. H. Jones, E. C. Brooks, Eld. W. S. Crowley, and the report was amended and adopted.

The Committee on Temperance submitted report, which was discussed by W. F. Masters, Eld. John H. Setser, Lee Reed, E. C. Brooks, Eld. G. W. Setser, Eld. G. N. Snyder, T. D. Pattishall, Eld. J. F. Duncan, and the report was adopted.

The Committee on Finance submitted report, which was adopted.

The Committee on Resolutions submitted report, which was adopted.

The Committee on Foreign Missions submitted report.

A motion prevailed to take recess till the preaching hour, after preaching to take up the report on Foreign Missions.

After recess, singing by the congregation.

Reading of 2 Cor., 9th chapter by Eld. C. C. Winters.

Prayer by Eld. J. A. Smith.

Sermon by Eld. C. C. Winters from 2 Cor. 9:15.

Singing, during which an offering of \$41.65 was placed on the table for Foreign Missions, after which the report was adopted.

A motion prevailed that our County Missionary be allowed sixty dollars per month as his salary.

Committee on Finance submitted report, which was adopted.

A motion prevailed to adjourn to time and place of next meeting.

Eld. T. F. Jones, Moderator.

Eld. J. L. Chastain, Clerk.

COMMITTEES

Divine Service—R. Edwards, J. B. Burgin, Eld. J. L. Chastain, R. L. Hurst, J. O. Green.

Finance—R. L. Hurst, J. J. Glover, D. M. Aaron.

Temperance—W. F. Masters, Roscoe Hogan, A. V. Anglin.

Foreign Missions—Roy Daugherty, R. Edwards, C. C. Guthary.

Texarkana Orphan Home—Eld. J. F. Duncan, Dave Edwards, Sister Myrtle Duncan.

Ministerial Support and Education—Eld. John H. Setser, Eld. L. L. Johnson, Will Butler.

Resolutions—L. H. Allen, Eld. W. S. Crowley, J. B. Burgin.

Obituaries—Sisters S. E. Murdock, A. E. Alstot, A. V. Anglin.

Publications—Jas. H. Jones, T. D. Pattishall, James McClain.

Associational Missions—E. M. Bagby, J. H. Sharp, Eld. A. N. Sanders, J. O. Green.

Sunday Schools—Lee Reed, Raymond Willert, W. G. Boyd.

State Missions—E. C. Brooks, Eld. G. W. Birkes, Eld. E. J. Reynolds.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES PUBLICATIONS

We, your Committee on Publications, beg leave to report:

Realizing that this is a time of heresy and false teaching, and that our people are being taught false doctrine and led into heresy by false teachers, we believe it is time for our people to wake up the sense of duty and responsibility in regard to the literature our children and the members of our churches read.

We therefore recommend that members of the churches that compose this association read and study the Bible, and use their influence to encourage others to read and study the Bible above all other literature.

We also recommend that, in addition to the study of the Bible, we use good, sound literature, Bible helps and tracts; and that our people read our State paper, The Baptist and Commoner.

We further recommend that our Sunday Schools use Landmark literature, published by the Baptist Sunday School Committee, at Texarkana, Ark.-Tex.

Jas. H. Jones,
T. D. Pattishall,
J. P. McClain .

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION AND SUPPORT

We, your committee on Ministerial Education and Support, beg leave to make the following report:

We heartily believe in ministerial education. We recommend that we, as an association, put forth our best effort to educate every one of our God-called ministers. To this end we recommend that the churches of this association and the indi-

vidual members of the same contribute of their means, as they are able, to help in the erection of the Baptist College at Sheridan, Ark., which is being undertaken by the State Association of Arkansas Baptist Churches.

We further recommend that our ministers be more liberally supported. We do not believe that our churches are doing what they can do in the support of their pastors. Therefore we urge our people to be more liberal in giving to the support of the pastors of the churches.

John H. Setser,
L. L. Johnson,
W. J. Butler.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

We, your committee on Associational Missions, submit the following report:

Realizing the great destitution there is in the bounds of this Association, we recommend that this body now in session elect a missionary for full time, and that the missionary go where he feels that the Holy Spirit directs in the bounds of this Association; and as we have churches in Oklahoma and elsewhere outside of Benton County in our Association, our missionary be allowed to go into this territory, the same as in Benton County.

We further recommend that this body elect three as a missionary committee to assist the missionary in every way they can.

We further recommend that each church at its next meeting elect three of its members as a soliciting committee, and that these committees see at once every member of their respective churches and solicit funds for the support of the missionary. Also one member of each of these committees to act as chairman of such committees and cooperate with the executive committee of the association and the missionary.

E. M. Bagby,
J. H. Sharp,
A. N. Sanders,
J. O. Green.

MISSIONARY'S REPORT.

The following is a report of my work as missionary of The Benton County Baptist Association for the year beginning Sept. 7, 1917, and ending Sept. 7, 1918.

Sermons preached, 298. Professions of conversion, 98. Addi-

tions to churches, by baptism, 32; by letter, 9; by statement, 12; total, 53. Visits to churches, 41. Visits to Sunday Schools, 29. Funerals preached, 5. Other addresses, 75. Homes visited, 454. Prayers in homes, 252. Miles traveled, 1758. Received on the field, \$226.99. Received of treasurer, \$215.57. Of treasurer later, \$85.55. From other sources later, \$0.50. Total amount received, \$528.61. Balance due, \$71.39.

The following is a list of churches and individuals contributing the amount received on the field.

Falling Spring Church, \$64.30. Indianola Church, \$16.95. Cave Springs Church, \$5.15. Cherokee City Church, \$7.40. Liberty Church, \$3.00. Logan Church, \$10.85. Maysville Church, \$33.50. Pleasant Hill Church, \$12.00. Shady Grove Church, \$3.60. Southern Grove Church, \$25.07. Mason Valley Church, \$0.50. Mt. Enterprise Church, \$.32. Meeting at Gravette, \$3.55. Sister Jennie Allen, \$1.75. Luther Allen, \$1.00. Eld. E. F. Rice, \$2.50. A. R. Hall, on pledge, \$5.00. Lindsey Pearse, \$1.00. John Givens, \$1.00. A free will offering, \$18.75. A free gift, \$7.80.

W. S. Crowley, Missionary.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT.

AMOUNTS RECEIVED FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Balance reported in last year's minutes, \$41.37. Of Sister M. J. Rodgers, \$20.00. L. H. Allen, \$1.00. Mt. Pleasant Church, \$31.25. Cave Springs Church, \$6.75. Temperance Hill Church, \$7.50. Jas. H. Jones, on old pledge, \$2.50. Bethlehem Church, \$42.60. Shady Grove Church, \$0.25. Maysville Church, \$27.00. Sister Netherton, \$5.00. Logan Church, \$6.10. Springtown Church, \$31.75. Finance Committee, \$78.05. Total, \$301.12.

Paid to W. S. Crowley, \$301.12.

J. L. Chastain, Treasurer.

OBITUARIES

We, your committee on Obituaries, submit the following report.

We find by reading the letters from the churches that God has called, since the last meeting of the Benton County Association, some of our brethren and sisters from our churches to the blessed home of the soul, to-wit:

Sister Ola Kiser of Springtown.

Sister (Mrs. R. A.) Box and Bro. John Noblett of Falling Springs.

Bro. E. J. Bishop and Bro. Fred Kindrick of Lowell.

Bro. A. C. Gann and wife, Sister Hister Baldwin and Bro. A. B. Herd of New Prospect.

Sisters Maud Jones, Pearl Ford and Lillie Boyd of Zion.

Sister C. C. Thomason of Temperance Hill.

Bro. James Hurlston and Bro. H. Highfill of Highfill.

Sister Anna Brown of Bethlehem.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved.

Committee.

STATE MISSIONS.

We, your committee on State Missions, submit the following report.

State Missions means missions within the bounds of our state. There is much destitution in Arkansas. It is our duty as Baptists to supply this destitution with the gospel of Christ.

The State Association of Baptist Churches of Arkansas are supporting missionaries on the scriptural plan. We have five missionaries on the field now, and they are doing good work.

We recommend that the churches composing the Benton County Association continue to do their State Mission work through the State Association.

E. C. Brooks,

G. W. Birkes.

ORPHAN HOME

We, your committee on Orphan Home, beg leave to submit the following:

Since God has entrusted to our care about twenty-seven orphan children, and since His word teaches us to care for the needy, it becomes our duty to liberally and cheerfully contribute to the support of our orphan home at Texarkana, and to help pay the indebtedness on the farm that has been purchased for the benefit of the orphan home.

Therefore we recommend that each church help as much as possible in this great work.

J. F. Duncan,

Dave Edwards,

Myrtle Duncan.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to submit the following report:

We are taught in the scripture to train up our children in the way they should go. We deem the Sunday School one of the best places to train them right.

We therefore recommend that our older members make a greater effort by regular attendance to maintain a live Sunday School in connection with every church. We recommend the Sunday School literature published by The Baptist Sunday School Committee at Texarkana, Ark.-Tex.

Lee Reed,
W. G. Boyd,
Raymond Willert.

TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee on Temperance, submit the following:

Whereas, the liquor traffic is an enemy to the teaching of God's word, we recommend that this association take an active part against this foe, and that the churches deal with their members who engage in such. We further recommend that our preachers preach more against intemperance, not only of strong drink, but of all things. We refer you to the word of God, scripture to be found in 1 Cor. 5:11.

"But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolator, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one, no not to eat." Also many other places in the word of God.

W. F. Masters,
Eld. G. N. Snyder,
R. D. Hogan,
A. V. Anglin.

RESOLUTIONS

We, your committee on Resolutions, submit the following:

1. Resolved that this association extend our heartfelt sympathy to our Brother Sam D. Reynolds and family and our prayers to God in their behalf on account of the death of their daughter Gertrude, which occurred during the session of this body.

2. Resolved that we extend to the Springtown Church and to the people of this community our heartfelt thanks for their kindness and hospitality in caring for us during our stay with them. May God's richest blessings dwell with them.

L. H. Allen,
W. S. Crowley,
J. B. Burglin.

FINANCE.

We, your committee on Finance, have received the following amounts:

For County Missions: Of Mt. Pleasant Church, \$6.25; Lowell, \$3.50; Liberty, \$4.75; Zion, \$15.30; Temperance Hill, \$27.25; Logan, \$4.00; New Prospect, \$1.00; Walnut Hill, \$4.40; Pleasant Home, \$6.60; Cave Springs, \$0.50; Indianola, \$4.50; total for County Missions, \$78.05.

For Minutes: Of Mount Pleasant Church, \$3.20; Lowell, \$3.00; Liberty, \$1.55; Maysville, \$4.10; Zion, \$2.50; Temperance Hill, \$1.50; Shady Grove, \$2.00; Logan, \$1.00; New Prospect, \$0.35; Walnut Hill, \$0.85; Pleasant Home, \$1.75; Mt. Enterprise, \$1.05; Southern Grove, \$2.05; Bethlehem, \$3.35; Cave Springs, \$1.85; Indianola, \$1.60; Highfill, \$1.80; Springtown, \$3.05; Cherokee City, \$0.60; Falling Springs, \$2.00; total for minutes \$39.15.

For Foreign Missions: Of Zion Church, \$2.50; total for Foreign Missions, \$2.50.

For Texarkana Orphan Home: Of Logan Church, \$6.00; New Prospect, \$4.00; Walnut Hill, \$6.25; Southern Grove, \$1.00; Bethlehem, \$9.38; Indianola, \$1.76; total for Orphan Home, \$28.39.

Grand total, \$148.09.

R. L. Hurst.
J. J. Glover.
D. M. Aaron.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your committee on Foreign Missions, submit the following:

Realizing that the needs of the field are great, and furthermore realizing that our Lord has commanded his church to go into all the world and teach all nations; and furthermore realizing that the Baptist Churches are the only Divinely appointed means for carrying the gospel to a lost world;

We therefore recommend that the Missionary Baptist Churches composing this association give more liberally of their God given means to the support of this great work.

At present we have only three Foreign Missionaries and their wives, namely: Eld. J. M. Gallasi and wife, Rome, Italy; Eld. S. M. Jureidini and wife, Island of Cyprus, in exile from his work in Syria; and Eld. Absalom George and wife of Persia, who for the present are working among four thousand Persians in Chicago, Ill.; who not only need our support, but who deserve our support in this glorious work.

Roy E. Daugherty.
C. C. Guthary.
R. Edwards.

ROLL OF MESSENGERS

ANTIOCH—Not represented.

BETHLEHEM—Eld. T. F. Jones, J. B. Burgin, James H. Jones.

CAVE SPRINGS—T. D. Pattishall, Sister S. E. Murdock, W. G. Boyd.

CHEROKEE CITY—By letter.

FALLING SPRINGS—Eld. W. S. Crowley.

HIGHFILL—By letter.

INDIANOLA—Eld. J. F. Duncan, Sister Myrtle Duncan.

LIBERTY—A. V. Anglin, Sister Anglin.

LOGAN—C. C. Guthary, Sister Tilda Palmer.

LOWELL—Eld. L. L. Johnson.

MASON VALLEY—Not represented.

MAYSVILLE—Eld. A. N. Sanders, E. C. Brooks.

MT. ENTERPRISE—Eld. J. H. Setser, I. R. Garman, L. H. Allen.

MT. PLEASANT—R. Edwards, Roy Daugherty.

NEW HOPE—W. F. Masters, Eld. G. N. Snyder.

NEW PROSPECT—James McLane.

PLEASANT GROVE—Not represented.

PLEASANT HILL (Carroll County)—Not represented.

PLEASANT HOME—Dave Edwards, Rosco Hogan, Raymond Willert.

SHADY GROVE—Eld. E. J. Reynolds, W. G. Lott, Mrs. W. G. Lott.

SOUTHERN GROVE—Will Butler, Sister A. E. Allstot.

SPRINGTOWN—Eld. J. L. Chastain, R. L. Hurst, J. O. Green.

TEMPERANCE HILL—J. J. Glover, E. M. Bagby.

WALNUT HILL—Eld. G. W. Birkes.

ZION—Lee Reed, J. H. Sharp, D. M. Aaron.

VISITORS ENROLLED

Eld. J. A. Smith, Little Rock, Ark.

Eld. C. C. Winters, Texarkana, Ark.

O. F. Moss, Silcam Springs.

Eld. E. F. Rice, Springdale, Ark.

Eld. E. J. Adams, Rogers, Ark.

Eld. J. Wade Sikes, Rogers, Ark.

Sister M. J. Rodgers, Decatur, Ark.

Eld. G. W. Setser, Siloam Springs, Ark.

**ORDAINED MINISTERS
WITH POST OFFICE ADDRESS AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP**

Birkes, G. W., Garfield, Ark.; Walnut Hill.
Brandon, F. M., Rogers, Ark.; Bethlehem.
Chastain, J. L., Springtown, Ark.; Springtown.
Crowley, W. S., Gravette, Ark.; Falling Springs.
Duncan, J. F., Gravette, Ark.; Indianola.
Edwards, Wm., Gravette, Ark.; Mt. Pleasant.
Harris, G. C., Rogers, Ark.; Temperance Hill.
Johnson, L. L., Lowell, Ark.; Lowell.
Jones, T. F., Decatur, Ark.; Bethlehem.
Lane, H. T., Seligman, Mo.; New Prospect.
Moon, L. C., Garfield, Ark.; Walnut Hill.
Reynolds E. J., Gentry, Ark.; Shady Grove.
Sanders, A. N., Maysville, Ark.; Maysville.
Setser, G. W., Siloam Springs, Ark.; Indianola.
Snyder, G. N., Watts, Okla.; New Hope.
Walker, D. H., Berryville, Ark.; Pleasant Hill.

CONSTITUTION.

Article I. This Association shall be composed of churches represented by messengers, who shall be members of the churches they represent; and it shall be styled "The Benton County Baptist Association." Visiting Baptists may be invited to seats and enrolled as visitors, and may have the privilege of the floor in discussions, but shall not be allowed a vote on any question nor a place on a committee. •

Article II. This Association shall meet annually on Friday before the second Sunday in September, at the place previously appointed; and after public worship and reading of letters from the churches, a Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen from the messengers by ballot, both of whom shall hold their offices until others shall be elected.

Article III. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to make an accurate record of the proceedings of each meeting, in a book provided for the purpose. He shall also act as Treasurer.

Article IV. Each church may send three messengers. The messengers shall present letters certifying their appointment, and briefly expressing the state of the churches, their increase and decrease, and their aggregate number. Each church shall send with the letter money for printing the minutes, out of which fund the Clerk shall be allowed ten dollars for his services in preparing manuscripts and superintending the printing and distribution of the minutes.

Article V. Churches wishing to unite with this Association may apply by letters and messengers, and giving satisfactory information of their being sound in doctrine and correct in practice, they may be received by unanimous vote, in token of which the moderator shall give to the messengers the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the Association. Churches may be dismissed upon application.

Article VI. We acknowledge the independence of the particular churches, and that no authority or jurisdiction is to be exercised over them by this Association, nor will the Association decide in any controversy that may arise in any church. Nevertheless they deem it their duty to disown any church belonging to this body which may have essentially departed from the faith.

Article VII. When a church shall neglect making any communication to the Association for three years successively, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us, and shall be dropped from the minutes of the Association, unless at least two members request their continuance, who shall engage to enquire into their standing, and report at the next meeting of the Association.

Article VIII. This Association shall have the right to open and hold correspondence with Associations, as may be deemed expedient.

Article IX. It shall be the duty of the Association, from time to time, to suggest to the several churches such measures as may be wise and proper to promote the interest of the Master's kingdom and spread the gospel throughout the world.

Article X. This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Association, by a two-thirds vote of all the members present.

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

CHURCHES	Day of Meeting	Increase by Baptism By Letter	Relation or Restorat'n Decrease by Death By Letter	Exclus'n or otherwise	Present Membership	Ordained Ministers	Paid to Pastor	Month of Service	County Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphans Home	Minute Fund	Other Purposes	SS Officers & Teach'rs	Average Attendance	Paid for Literature	Other Purposes
Bethlehem	2	2	2	2	14	2	\$ 70 75	11	\$ 42 60	\$ 9 65		\$ 13 60	\$ 9 35	\$ 3 35	\$ 20 45	6	25	\$ 6 00	\$ 9 38
Cave Springs	1				1		67 85	11	11 90					1 75					
Cherokee City	1				15		9 45	4	7 40					2 00		4	15	2 80	
Falling Springs	4	7	1	2	48	1	84 30	12						2 00		8	30	6 00	
Highfill	4	34	2		112		30 00	2					8 40	1 80		10	36	21 46	
Indianola	4	17	6	2	50	2	42 32	12					8 10	1 60		6	38	4 91	
Liberty	2	1		1	33				7 75					1 55					
Logan	2				56		73 00	10	20 53				6 00	1 00					
Lowell	2	1	1	2	90	1	100 00	12	3 50				16 00	3 00		7	47		
Maysville	4	4		2	65	1	132 50	9	60 00	22 30			17 84	4 10	71 79	7	45	18 30	43 48
Mt. Enterprise			4						2 00					1 05					
Mt. Pleasant	1	4	4	4	111	1	82 40	10	36 30	10 10		6 85	30 95	3 20	141 76	6	38	4 64	11 84
New Hope	2	2			52	1	30 75	5				22 00		1 00	20 00			5 00	10 00
New Prospect	3	8	1	4	26	1	20 00	12	1 00				4 00	35		5	40	6 50	
Pleasant Home	1		2	2	50		36 60	8	6 60					1 75					
Shady Grove	4	1	1	2	38	1	52 00		3 60	25 80				2 00					
Southern Grove	2	11	2	4	69		13 65	8	25 07				1 00	2 05		7	52	9 71	2 15
Springtown	4	3	1	1	105	1	66 00	8	31 75	2 00	1 00	1 00	23 02	3 05	25 00	9	24	10 05	75
Temperance Hill	1	1	1	1	60	1	25 00		34 75					1 50	25 00	4	32	10 00	12 00
Walnut Hill	4			1	23	2	8 50	12	4 40				6 25	85		3	45	5 00	
Zion	4		3	3	91		90 50		15 30			2 50	16 00	2 50		5	28	9 97	9 32

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	S. S. SUPERINTENDENTS
Bethlehem.....	Eld. T. F. Jones, Decatur, Ark.....	J. B. Burgin, Gravette, Ark.....	J. J. Byers, Gravette, Ark.....
Cave Springs....	Eld. T. F. Jones, Decatur, Ark.....	E. H. Allen, Lowell, R. 1, Ark.....
Cherokee City...	Eld. J. F. Duncan, Gravotte, Ark...	Effie E. Thorn, Gentry, Ark., R. 4....	J. E. Jenks, Gentry, Ark.....
Falling Springs..	Eld. W. S. Crowley, Gravotte, Ark.	David Whiteside, Decatur, Ark.....	David Whiteside, Decatur, Ark..
Highfill.....	Eld. John Scroggins, Decatur, Ark.	Mac Givens, Highfill, Ark.....	Mac Givens, Highfill, Ark.....
Indianola.....	Eld. A. N. Sanders, Maysville, Ark.	M. L. Setser, Southwest City, Mo., R.3	Sister Belle, Neal, Southwest City
Liberty.....	*Eld. A. N. Sanders, Maysville, Ark.	John Still, Row, Okla.....	W. A. Martin, Row, Okla.....
Logan.....	*Eld. E. F. Rice, Springdale, Ark...	C. C. Guthary, Gentry, Ark., R. 3....
Lowell.....	Eld. L. L. Johnson, Lowell, Ark.....	E. F. Willmuth, Lowell, Ark.....	H. W. Deason, Lowell, Ark.....
Maysville.....	Eld. T. F. Jones, Decatur, Ark.....	Della Crone, Maysville, Ark.....	D. L. Jesse, Maysville, Ark.....
Mt. Enterprise...	Jas. H. Jones, Gravette, Ark.....
Mt. Pleasant....	Eld. T. F. Jones, Decatur, Ark.....	Orpha Hart, Gravotte, Ark.....	J. Y. Holcombe, Gravette, Ark...
New Hope.....	*Eld. T. F. Jones, Decatur, Ark.....	W. F. Masters, Watts, Okla.....	W. F. Masters, Watts, Okla.....
New Prospect....	G. W. Birkes, Garfield, Ark.....	H. C. Rogers, Garfield, Ark.....	Joseph Posey, Garfield, Ark....
Pleasant Home..	Jas. H. Jones, Gravette, Ark.....	Virgia West, Gravette, Ark.....
Shady Grove....	*Eld. G. W. Setser, Siloam Spgs.	E. W. Butler, Gentry, Ark., R. 3....
Southern Grove..	Eld. E. F. Rice, Springdale, Ark....	Mrs. A. E. Allstot, Lowell, Ark., R. 2..	Ben Todd, Springdale, Ark.....
Springtown.....	Eld. E. F. Rice, Springdale, Ark....	Arthur Smith, Gentry, Ark., R. 1....	Arthur Smith, Gentry, Ark.....
Temperance Hill	Eld. T. M. Norris, Neosho, Mo.....	E. J. Bagby, Bentonville, Ark.....	Tom True, Bentonville, Ark.....
Walnut Hill.....	Eld. G. W. Birkes, Garfield, Ark....	Eld. L. C. Moon, Garfield, Ark.....	G. W. Williams, Garfield, Ark...
Zion.....	*W. I. Elledge, Springdale, Ark.....	G. B. Jones, Lowell, Ark., R. 1.....	Jeff Brown, Lowell, Ark.....

* Pastor last year, none being report for the coming year.